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NIGHT FLIGHTS OF CUBAN JET AIRCRAFT

On 19 June 1962, intercept of the Cuban Military Air tactical communications reveals that the Cuban Air Force is flying Jet aircraft during the hours of darkness. Between 0115 and 0406Z (2015 and 2306 Cuban Local Time), a ground controller, probably located at San Antonio de los Banos, was active in contact with seven aircraft pilot suffixes.

COMMENTS: This is the first firm evidence that night flights of jet aircraft are being conducted by the Cuban Air Force. On 23 May 1962, a pre-flight message was passed scheduling jet practice flights as late as 0400Z (2300 local). However, no fulfillment of this schedule was noted. See ~~SECRET EIMBO~~

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